Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 through 19 (cancelled).

20 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of:

a first substance comprising sodium chloride in an amount between about 1.5% and 6.9% (w/v);

a second substance comprising ~~at least one of~~ hydroxyethyl starch~~, dextran, carboxymethyl starch, polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), gelatin derivatives, condensed glucose, glucose, fructose, lactose, glycerin, xylitol, sodium alginate, N-2-hydroxypropylacrylamide, ethylene epoxide, polypropylene glycol, pectin, and pentahydroxyethyl starch, wherein said second substance is present~~ in an amount between about 3 and 18 % total (w/v), at least 10% of said second substance having a molecular weight of about 25,000-45,000 atomic mass units;

a third substance comprising at least one of sodium bicarbonate, potassium chloride, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, sodium lactate, and [[Trig]] Tris (Hydroxymethyl) aminomethane ~~arninomethane~~, wherein said third substance is present in an amount between about 0 and 5.4 % total (w/v); and

an injection comprising at least one of water, physiological saline, balanced buffers, glucose solution, sodium lactate solution, Tris solution, and glucose and sodium chloride solution, wherein said injection is present in an amount between about 75.1 % and 95.5% total (w/v),

wherein the total sodium ion concentration does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration of 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution.

21 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20, wherein:

said first substance comprises sodium chloride in an amount between about 4.0 and about 4.4 g per 100 ml; and

said second substance comprises hydroxyethyl starch in an amount between about 7.0 g and about 8.2 g per 100 ml.

22 (cancelled).

23 (cancelled).

24 (cancelled).

25 (previously presented). A method for preparing the pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20, comprising:

dissolving an amount between about 3 g and 18 g of said second substance in a total of 100 ml of said injection;

adding 1.5 g of said first substance; and

mixing said injection to dissolve said first and second substances therein.

26 (cancelled).

27 (previously presented). The method for preparing the

pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20 comprising:

dissolving an amount between about 3 g and 18 g of said second substance in a total of 100 ml of said injection;

adding 1.5 g of said first substance;

adding an amount between 0 and about 5.4 g of said third substance, such that the total sodium ion concentration based on said first, second and third substances does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration in a 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution; and

mixing said injection to dissolve said first, second, and third substances therein.

28 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20, wherein

said first substance comprises sodium chloride in an amount of about 1.5 g;

said second substance comprises hydroxyethyl starch in an amount

of about 3 g and dextran in an amount of about 9 g;

said third substance comprises sodium bicarbonate in an amount of about 3.4 g; and

said injection comprises physiological saline.

29 (cancelled).

30 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 20, wherein

said first substance comprises sodium chloride in an amount of about 4.2 g;

said second substance comprises hydroxyethyl starch in an amount of about 7.6 g; and

said injection comprises water.

31 (cancelled).

32 (cancelled).

33 (cancelled).

34 (cancelled).

35 (cancelled).

36 (cancelled).

37 (cancelled).

38 (cancelled).

39 (cancelled).

40 (previously presented). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 20, wherein said first substance is present in an amount between approximately 1.5% and approximately 4.4% total (w/v).

41(previously presented). The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 20, wherein said first substance is present

in an amount between approximately 4.0% and approximately 4.4% total (w/v).

42(currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of:

a first substance comprising sodium chloride in an amount between about 4.0 and about 4.4 g per 100 ml;

a second substance comprising ~~at least one of~~ hydroxyethyl starch in an amount between about 7.0 g and about 8.2 g per 100 ml, at least 10% of said second substance having a molecular weight of about 25,000-45,000 atomic mass units;

a third substance comprising at least one of sodium bicarbonate, potassium chloride, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, sodium lactate, and [[Trig]] Tris (Hydroxymethyl) aminomethane ~~arninomethane~~, wherein said third substance is present in an amount between about 0 and 2.5% total (w/v); and

an injection comprising at least one of water, physiological saline, balanced buffers, glucose solution, sodium lactate

solution, Tris solution, and glucose and sodium chloride solution, wherein said injection is present in an amount between about 84.9% and 89.0% total (w/v),

wherein the total sodium ion concentration does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration of 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution.

43(currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of:

a first substance comprising sodium chloride in an amount of about 1.5 g;

a second substance comprising ~~at least one of~~ hydroxyethyl starch in an amount of about 3 g and dextran in an amount of about 9 g, at least 10% of said hydroxyethyl starch having a molecular weight of about 25,000-45,000 atomic mass units;

a third substance comprising at least one of sodium bicarbonate in an amount of about 3.4 g; and

an injection comprising physiological saline, said injection

being present in an amount of about 83.1% total (w/v),

wherein the total sodium ion concentration does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration of 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution and the total volume of the composition is 100 ml.

44(currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition consisting essentially of:

a first substance comprising sodium chloride in an amount of about 4.2 g;

a second substance comprising ~~at least one of~~ hydroxyethyl starch in an amount of about 7.6 g, at least 10% of said second substance having a molecular weight of about 25,000-45,000 atomic mass units;

a third substance comprising at least one of sodium bicarbonate, potassium chloride, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, sodium lactate, and [[Trig]] Tris (Hydroxymethyl) aminomethane ~~arninomethane~~, wherein said third substance is present in an amount between about 0 and 2.7% total

(w/v); and

an injection comprising water, said injection being present in an amount between about 85.5% and 88.2% total (w/v),

wherein the total sodium ion concentration does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration of 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution.

45(currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition consisting of:

a first substance comprising sodium chloride in an amount between about 1.5% and 6.9% (w/v);

a second substance comprising ~~at least one of~~ hydroxyethyl starch~~, dextran, carboxymethyl starch, polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), gelatin derivatives, condensed glucose, glucose, fructose, lactose, glycerin, xylitol, sodium alginate, N-2-hydroxypropylacrylamide, ethylene epoxide, polypropylene glycol, pectin, and pentahydroxyethyl starch~~, wherein said second substance is present in an amount between about 3 and 18 % total (w/v) , at least 10% of said second substance having a molecular

weight of about 25,000-45,000 atomic mass units;

a third substance comprising at least one of sodium bicarbonate, potassium chloride, magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, sodium lactate, and [[Trig]] Tris (Hydroxymethyl) aminomethane ~~arninomethane~~, wherein said third substance is present in an amount between about 0 and 5.4 % total (w/v); and

an injection comprising at least one of water, physiological saline, balanced buffers, glucose solution, sodium lactate solution, Tris solution, and glucose and sodium chloride solution, wherein said injection is present in an amount between about 75.1 % and 95.5% total (w/v),

wherein the total sodium ion concentration does not exceed an equivalent sodium ion concentration of 6.9 % (w/v) sodium chloride solution.